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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **NAKAMURA, Takashi et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3682**

Serial No.: **09/880,081**

Examiner: **Lenard A. Footland**

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For: **BEARING STRUCTURE**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 3682**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**November 24, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 31, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.